

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112

Also, claims 1-4, 8, 9-12 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over the patent to Lloyd.

Claims 5 and 13 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Lloyd. At the same time the other claims are indicated by the Examiner as not rejected over the art.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of some claims has been gratefully acknowledged. In connection with this, claim 1, the broadest claim defining a system of active protection of objects, has been amended by incorporating into it the feature of the allowable claim 7. It is therefore believed that claim 1 as amended should be considered as being in allowable condition, together with claims 2-6 and 8 which depends on claim 1. Claim 9, the broadest claim related to a protective object system, has been amended by incorporating into it the features of the allowable claim 15.

It is therefore believed that claim 9 as amended should be considered as patentably distinguishing over the art, together with claims 10-14 and 16.

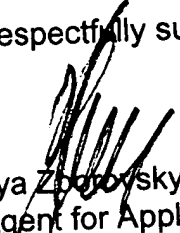
The claims have been also amended in formal aspects, in compliance with the Examiner's requirements and his objection to the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112.

In view of the above presented remarks and amendments, it is believed that all the claims currently on file should be considered as patentably distinguishing over the art and should be allowed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-243-3818).

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